--- “Series of 1880” - Type II - Division “Open” - [A 5] - 3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) ---

--- 1/20th pound - *lithographed* in BLACK on *block watermarked* horizontal mesh wove ---

--- perforated 12 - 132 x 15 mm. - 4 mm. blue controls - scanned at 90% scale ---

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John McKay records that 497,000 *lithographed* “1-20 Black Ribbon Cigarettes” were ‘delivered’ under the **3rd BABN Contract** (1878-1886). Apparently he has here grouped the 1/20th pound Type I and Type II black strips.

From a check of the control numbering, I feel that the *unwatermarked* type II strips listed by Lee Brandom are *not* printed on a distinct paper grade, but have simply missed the sheet *block watermark,* either at the top or the bottom of the sheet. I have marked them as *missed the watermark*, and feel, that they are anomalies, and do not deserve a separate catalogue number.

★**RC-11** - 1/20th pound, Division “Open” - [A 5], black, control **002247-48**, perforated 12, *lithographed* on horizontal mesh *block watermarked* wove paper

★**RC-11 CP** - 1/20th pound, Division “Open” - [A 5], black, control **003003**, perforated 12, *lithographed* on horizontal mesh *block watermarked* wove, stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic letters - a suspect stamping

002101	RC-11	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked
002103	RC-11	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked
002142	RC-11	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked
002233	RC-11	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked
002247-48★	RC-11	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked, a vertical pair
002272	RC-11	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked
002273	RC-11	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked
002277★	RC-11	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked
003003★	RC-11 CP	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked, stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. violet Gothic letters
003062	RC-11	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked
003145	RC-11	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked
003148	RC-11	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked

The ***unwatermarked*** type II strips are not *lithographed* on a distinct paper grade, but have simply missed the sheet *block watermark*, either at the top, or on the bottom of the sheet. They are an anomaly, and do not deserve a separate catalogue number.

The collection ***does not contain*** a *control-free* copy of the perforated **RC-11n** - the 1/20th pound Division "Open" *block watermarked* strip - **WANTED!**

The collection ***does not contain*** a *control-numbered* copy of the *imperforate* 1/20th pound Division "Open" *block watermarked* strip. I can see no legitimate reason for the *control-numbered* existence of *imperforate* strips. Probably they had been control numbered (prior to the perforation process) and are simply unfinished remnants.

These control-free *imperforate* sheets (and the copies clipped from them by stamp collectors) are simply *unused remainders* from BABN stock that never received control numbering and were not yet perforated for shipment to the 'Inland Revenue Department'.

★1/20th pound, Division "Open" - [A 5], black, *without* control numbering, *imperforate*, *lithographed* on horizontal mesh *block watermarked* wove paper
[the collection also contains a complete sheet of twenty-four (12 x 2) of these strips]

★1/20th pound, Division "Open" - [A 5], black, *without* control numbering, *imperforate*, *lithographed* on horizontal mesh *block watermarked* wove paper,
[stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic letters - a highly suspect stamping]

★ 1/20th pound, Division "Open" - [A 5], black, *without* control numbering, imperforate, *lithographed* on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove paper

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